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the first and second surfaces of the backing, because the backing experiences less weakening from the cutting tool during production. Additionally, having the labels on the first surface positioned substantially opposite to corresponding labels on the second surface provides continuity of the labels on the two surfaces, which facilitates the changing of the supply strip.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 36-71, 74, and 75 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claims 1 and 76 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of applying pieces of material to objects, the method comprising:

providing a material supply strip and at least one applicator device capable of applying material from said supply strip to objects, said supply strip initially including a backing having first and second opposing surfaces and pieces of material removably arranged on both of the first and second surfaces, the backing and the pieces of material being formed of substantially the same material, wherein the pieces of material on the first surface have a different size than the pieces of material on the second surface, and wherein the pieces of material on the first surface are centered with respect to corresponding pieces of material on the second surface;

applying at least one piece of material from the first surface of the backing to at least one object with said at least one applicator device; and

applying at least one piece of material from the second surface of the backing to at least one object with said at least one applicator device.

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